

deer" is proposed for deletion since these three terms are encompassed within the definition of "game birds and mammals". The last sentence is proposed for deletion in light of proposed subsection (d). New language is added to conform this subsection to proposed section 10-312. Article 66C, section 115(D) is proposed for deletion as obsolete.

The only other changes made are in style.

10-206. DEPARTMENT MAY REDUCE WILDLIFE IN IDENTIFIABLE AREAS.

THE DEPARTMENT MAY REDUCE THE WILDLIFE POPULATION IN ANY COUNTY, ELECTION DISTRICT, OR OTHER IDENTIFIABLE AREA OF THE STATE AFTER A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION REVEALS THAT PROTECTED WILDLIFE IS SERIOUSLY INJURIOUS TO AGRICULTURAL OR OTHER INTERESTS IN THE AFFECTED AREA. THE METHOD OF REDUCING THE WILDLIFE POPULATION IS AT THE DEPARTMENT'S DISCRETION EXCEPT THAT TRAPPING IS PREFERRED WHENEVER FEASIBLE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISPOSE OF WILDLIFE TAKEN PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION AS IT DEEMS ADVISABLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived from the last paragraph of Article 66C, section 132(a) of the Code. The ending phrase of the paragraph which directs the Secretary to dispose of wildlife in "the best interests of the State" is proposed for deletion. It is assumed that the department always performs its duties in the best interests of the State.

10-207. DEPARTMENT PROHIBITED TO PAY BOUNTIES.

THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT PAY BOUNTIES FOR ANY WILDLIFE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived from the second paragraph of Article 66C, section 143 of the Code, and set forth here for organizational purposes.

10-208. ASSENT TO PUBLIC LAW 415, 75TH CONGRESS.

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